(b) Yes, Sir. A few flats have been allotted to some officials below and above their category of entitlement. This has been done keeping in view the extreme personal and functional requirements. In cases where allotment has been made in a category higher to the entitled category, the allottee is charged three times the normal licence fee.

(c) There is as of date only one doctor with more than 20 years of service who is residing in a Type-II quarter. His case for allotment of a flat in a higher category can be considered only when a flat in that category falls vacant for allotment.

Robbery in buses in Delhi

840. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned, "15 major robberies in moving buses", which appeared in the Times of India dated 8th January, 1999;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted by Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the preventive steps being taken by Government, keeping in view the deteriorating law and order situation in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir, All these cases were registered at the Police Stations concerned and investigation taken up as a result of which the accused were arrested in thirteen cases of which six cases have been put to trial so far.

(d) The Preventive measures taken by Delhi Police, inter-alia, include deployment of police personnel in plain clothes in buses plying on routes considered prone to such incidents; regular checking of buses to deter the criminals; setting up of Special Anti-robbery pickets; and keeping close watch over the activities of known bad characters and anti-social elements.

Bomb blast and other incidents in J and K

841. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of cases of killings, bomb blasts, murders, dacoity, robbery, kidnapping, in Jammu and Kashmir during the period from November, 1998 to 20th February, 1999, date-wise and district-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to control the situation in the State; and

(c) the compensation given to the victims/next of kin so far by the State/Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) As per information provided by the State Government, 259 civilians and 59 Security Forces personnel were killed, and 134 incidents of explosions, 72 abductions and 23 incidents of loot of Government/Private property took place due to militant related violence in Jammu & Kashmir during the period from 1.11.1998 to 15.2.1999. Current statistics related to non-militancy related crimes are not maintained Centrally.

(b) The Government have adopted a multi-pronged strategy for tackling the situation which includes *inter-alia* strengthening of Border Management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, countering plans of militants by pro-active action in the hinterland, protection of minorities, modernistion and upgradation of the State Police with sophisticated weapons and communication equipment, setting up of security outposts at vulnerable locations and constituting Village Defence Committees, etc.

(c) Payment of *ex-gratia* relief by the State Government to the victims of militant violence as per norms is an ongoing